H A D L E I G H U R B A N

D I S T R I C T

in the

Administrative County of West Suffolk

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including reports of the

SURVEYOR and PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR and the WATER ENGINEER

for the year

1962

To the Chairman and Members
of the
Hadleigh Urban District Council.

December, 1963.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Services for the year 1962.

I wish to thank Mr. Brown the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Groves, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and all other members of the Council for their consideration to me during this year. I would like also to thank Mr. Townsend, the Clerk to the Urban District Council, Mr. Panks, the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector and other Council staff for their help and consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

E. KINNEAR.

Medical Officer of Health

HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL - 1962

Chairman	-	S. C. Brown
Vice-Chairman	-	T.B.J. Groves
Clerk	-	W. J. Townsend
Members	-	W. S. Cook
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SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS

(Figures in brackets relate to the previous year)

Area of the District.	4,317 acres	
Rateable Value		(£33,204)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate..		(£131)
Number of inhabited houses		(1,210)
Population (Registrar General's Estimate for 1962).	3,450	(3,450)

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	60 (49)	35 (22)	25 (27)
Illegitimate	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Totals	61 (49)	36 (22)	25 (27)

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population (crude)	17.7	(11.3)
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (adjusted)	18.4	(11.8)
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	18.0	(17.4)
Illegitimate Birth Rate	1.6%	(Nil)

Still Births:

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Totals	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)

Still Birth rate per 1,000 live and still births Nil (20.0)

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births 18.1 (19.1)
(England & Wales)

Deaths:

	Total	Male	Female
	50 (48)	29 (31)	21 (17)
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population (crude)	14.5	(13.6)	
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population (adjusted)	14.4	(13.5)	
Death Rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	11.9	(12.0)	
Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	(-)	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	(Nil)	

Infant Mortality:

Number of deaths of infants under one year of age:

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)

Death Rate of infants under one year of age:

(A) All infants per 1,000 live births... ... 16.3 (Nil)

(B) All infants England and Wales. 21.4. (21.6)

Neo-Natal Mortality:

Number of deaths of infants under four weeks of age:

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)

Neo-Natal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births 16.3 (Nil)

Early Neo-Natal Mortality:

Number of deaths of infants under one week

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate.	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Totals	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per1,000 live births. 16.3 (nil)

These infant mortality statistics relate to the death of one baby boy who died in hospital, from pneumonia, aged 4 days.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

(Registrar- General's figures)

	Total	Male	Female
ALL CAUSES.	50 (48)	29 (31)	21 (17)
Tuberculosis, respiratory	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Tuberculosis, other	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Syphilitic disease	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Diptheria	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Whooping Cough	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Meningococcal infections	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Acute Poliomyelitis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Measles	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

* includes amendment to 1961 returns notified by Registrar General

- 1 additional male death from broncitis.

Causes of Death cont'd

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Malignant Neoplasms - Stomach	1 (2)	1 (1)	- (1)
Malignant Neoplasms - Lung bronchus ...	3 (2)	2 (2)	1 (-)
Malignant Neoplasms - Breast	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Malignant Neoplasms - Uterus	- (-)		- (-)
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	8 (4)	4 (2)	4 (2)
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Diabetes	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System... ...	7 (6)	4 (4)	3 (2)
Coronary disease - Angina	10 (11)	7 (8)	3 (3)
Hypertension with Heart disease	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (1)
Other Heart diseases	9 (8)	4 (4)	5 (4)
Other circulatory diseases	2 (3)	- (2)	2 (1)
Influenza	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Pneumonia	1 (2)	1 (1)	- (1)
Bronchitis	1 (2)	- (2)	1 (-) *
Other diseases of the Respiratory System...	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea... ...	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Nephritis and Nephrosis	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Hyperplasia of prostate	- (-)	- (-)	
Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion... ...	- (-)		- (-)
Congenital Malformations	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	2 (3)	2 (2)	- (1)
Motor Vehicle Accidents	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
All other accidents	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Suicide	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Homocide and operations of war	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

* includes amendment to 1961 returns notified by Registrar-General - 1 additional male death from bronchitis.

Deaths from Infectious diseases (other than chest infections). 2.0%

Total	Male	Female
1	1	-

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms (all types) 26.0%

Total	Male	Female
13	7	6

Deaths from Chest Infections and Repsiratory diseases 6.0%

(All types, except neoplasms)

Total	Male	Female
3	2	1

Deaths from Heart and circulatory diseases (including strokes) 54.0%

Total	Male	Female
27	16	11

Deaths from Accident and Violence 2.0%

Total	Male	Female
1	-	1

SECTION B

1. Public Health Staff.

Dr. E. Kinnear M.B.Ch. B., D.P.H. Medical Officer of Health, part time, who also serves other districts,

E.A. Panks. M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

2. Ambulance Facilities.

The West Suffolk County Council is responsible for the ambulance service.

3. Nursing in the Home.

The West Suffolk County Council's Home Nursing and Midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

4. Child Welfare Centre.

The West Suffolk County Council provides one centre held weekly, on Mondays at 2 p.m. in the Congregational Hall, Market Place, Hadleigh.
The Health visitor, Miss. D. Wilding, who works in Hadleigh and the surrounding rural area, attends weekly. The Medical Officer attends on the first and third Mondays. The District nurse also attends, whenever possible.

5. Laboratory Facilities.

TThe Public Health Laboratory, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr. J.M.S. Dixon has given generous assistance.

Water samples for chemical analysis are submitted to tbe County Analysts.

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47.

Removal of suitable premises of persons in need of care and protection. No action was taken, during 1962.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies

A satisfactory supply of mains water was maintained throughout the year with no serious interruption in the supply. During the year the scheme to augment the supplies in the Hadleigh Urban District by linking in with the supply system of the Cosford Rural District Council was completed. Water is taken in bulk from mains on the Hadleigh /Layham boundary ex Polstead Water Tower and from mains on the Hadleigh/Aldham boundary ex Nedging Tye Water Tower. Thus, together with the Lady Lane pumping station and reservoir belonging to the Council, there are three distinct pressure zones in the district mains system. In case of need the various zoning valves can be opened to supply the whole system from either Polstead or Nedging Water Towers.

The bulk supply into the Council's reservoir from Nedging Tye is arranged to automatically operate when the water level in the tank has dropped two feet below the level at which the Lady Lane Pumps operate. In this way, the supply can be taken from either or both sources, singly or together, but only drawing on Cosford Rural District Council resources after the Hadleigh pumps are not maintaining the level in the storage tank to a satisfactory level. In this way, a copious supply into storage is provided but at the same time drawing as sparingly as possible on the Cosford Rural District Council resources. It is also possible to isolate Lady Lane storage reservoir from the mains to allow cleaning and emptying without interrupting the supply into the town mains.

It is interesting to note that with the completion of this bulk supply scheme it is now possible to obtain supplies from as far afield as Thingoe Rural District Council mains via Cosford Rural District Council mains into Hadleigh in case of need.

During the year a distribution main was provided for Stone Street and several shallow wells have now been abandoned in that area.

The total consumption of water in the district is estimated at 93,000 gallons per day of which approximately 40,000 are purchased in bulk from the Cosford Rural District Council (The Council are entitled, under the supply agreement, to draw up to 80,000 gallons per day from Cosford Rural District Council).

Bacteriological analysis

28 samples of water from the public mains were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were found to be satisfactory. 2 samples from private wells were also found to be satisfactory.

Chemical Analysis

The water from two private wells was found to be safe for infant feeding after assessment of the nitrate content.

Sewage Disposal

The Essex River Board Prevention of Pollution and Fisheries Department examined four samples of the effluent (discharged from the Brett Sewage disposal works)and all were described as grossly polluting liquids unfit for discharge into a stream.

The Council have placed a contract for the complete reconstruction and enlargement of the works estimated to cost over £80,000 and a substantial start has been made on this work but no improvement of the discharge to the stream will be possible until the works are reorganised. In the meantime, every effort is being made to turn out as good an effluent as the outdated works will allow.

The Hadleigh Urban District Council have agreed, subject to the approval of the Minister of Housing & Local Government and the Essex River Board, to allow the Cosford Rural District Council to pump the sewage from the Parish of Layham to be treated at the new sewage disposal works.

During the year, the sewer at Lady Lane was extended to some 24 new bungalows in course of construction.

The foul and surface water sewerage systems are equally over loaded and Consulting Engineers have been instructed by the Council to prepare a comprehensive report on these matters.

Cleansing Services

The house and trade refuse collection system has been carried out by direct labour during the year. The Council have introduced a pilot scheme of refuse collection by the paper sack method. This is much more hygienic than the traditional metal dustbin and allows collection by open truck without dust nuisance thus delaying the date when, with the increasing number of houses now building, it will become necessary to purchase a second refuse collection freighter.

Tipping of the refuse jointly with Cosford Rural District Council is carried on at a tip on the Hadleigh/Aldham boundary.

A street scavenging service has been maintained throughout the year although it becomes increasingly difficult to find persons to undertake street sweeping.

Caravan & camping sites

There are no sites in the district other than a small number of individual caravans which were all maintained in a satisfactory manner.

SECTION D

Public Health and Housing Acts.

Work under these Acts proceeded during the year and the following is a record of the routine work carried out:

(i) Housing Acts — 1962

Number of houses inspected for defects	18
Subsequent inspection of those houses	24
Houses rendered fit by informal action	20
Houses rendered fit by Statutory action.. ..	2
Houses found to be totally unfit.	7
Houses demolished	7
Closing Orders	-
Undertakings from owners not to relet	-
Improvement Grants: Standard	17
Discretionary	2
New houses erected by Local Authority:	
12 elderly persons bungalows ..	12
Number of Council houses purchased by tenants	2
Number of houses purchased by Local Authority	1
Total number of post war houses	300
Total number of pre-war houses	76

(ii) Public Health Act, 1936

S.93 Informal notices issued	14
S.93 Informal notices complied with	14
S.93 Statutory notices issued	nil

SECTION E

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(i) Meat Inspection

There is one licensed slaughterhouse within the Urban District where slaughtering takes place for consumption within the Urban District. Work is being carried out on the provision of a second private slaughterhouse.

Number of visits to slaughterhouse 103

Carcases inspected during the year:

Calves	Cows	Beasts	Pigs	Sheep	Total
8	6	61	207	103	385

Diseased conditions found:

(a) Tuberculosis

1 pigs head

(b) Other dieseases

3 beasts livers

Whilst every effort is made to inspect all meat slaughtered in the district the pressure of work on an understaffed Public Health Department is such that 100% inspection is not possible.

The co-operation of the Cosford Rural District Council in allowing their Public Health Inspector to inspect the carcases whilst the Hadleigh Urban District Council officer is on annual leave, is much appreciated.

(ii) Other Food Inspection

Hadleigh food shops are mostly sited in buildings of ancient and historic interest which add enormously to the task of the proprietors to maintain their shops to the standards prescribed by the food hygiene regulations. Shopkeepers generally try to overcome the difficulties and co-operate fully with the Public Health Department.

The items of food listed below were found to be unfit and condemned during the year.

Food Condemned

16	packets	chicken pies.	5	packets	beefburgers.
4	"	steak & Kidney pies.	14	"	meat dinners.
12	"	puff pastry.	27	"	assorted fish
18	"	steaklets.	14	"	fish cakes
7	"	pork sausages.	51	"	fish fingers
5	"	beef stew.	113	"	peas, beans & carrots
1	"	yorkshire pudding.	6	cakes	

(iii) Sampling of ice cream and milk has not been carried out, these duties usually being undertaken by the County Council Weights and Measures Department.

Milk

Supplies of milk have been satisfactory during the year, the licensing of purveyors of milk now being carried out by the County Council.

(a) Registrations

No applications for registration of food preserving premises or applications for licences to retail ice cream were received during the year.

Number of food preserving premises registered 8
Number of ice cream retailers registered 18

(b) Visits to food premises

Dairies	2
Bakehouses	4
Fishmongers	4
Butchers	6
Cafes	3
Slaughterhouses	103
Other food shops	7
	129

(c) Samples

(i) Milk - Nil
(ii) Ice-cream - Nil

SECTION F

FACTORES AND WORKSHOPS

1. Inspections for the purpose of prcvisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

	No.on Register	Inspections	Written Notices
Premises			
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	34	14	-
	36	14	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M.Inspector
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-
	-	-	-

3. Outwork

There are no outworkers.

SECTION G

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Public Health Inspector of the Year

Investigations of complaints	251
Reinspections	87
Drainage tests and inspections	65
Housing Acts	42
Public Health Acts	24
Water Supplies	251
Sewage Works	52
Septic tanks and cesspools	3
Watercourses	6
Public Conveniences	45
Petroleum Regulations	10
Vermin	3
Keeping of animals	4
Moveable Dwellings	10
Miscellaneous	145
Building Byelaws	625
	1,623